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Obama Administration Announces Additional \$67,187,600 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Georgia

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

WASHINGTON – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$67,187,600 for state, county and city efforts in Georgia. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$207,251,312 in Georgia weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12th and detailed at energy.gov/recovery.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

“The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America’s economy and create jobs at the local level,” said Secretary Chu. “The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation’s long term clean energy and climate goals.”

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

GA	Georgia Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	\$ 67,187,600
GA	Georgia	State Energy Office	\$ 21,630,700
GA	Albany	City	\$ 771,300
GA	Alpharetta	City	\$ 252,600
GA	Athens-Clarke	City	\$ 1,137,100
GA	Atlanta	City	\$ 5,890,200
GA	Augusta-Richmond	City	\$ 1,969,900
GA	Columbus	City	\$ 1,844,800
GA	East Point	City	\$ 181,300
GA	Johns Creek	City	\$ 578,400
GA	Macon	City	\$ 946,600
GA	Marietta	City	\$ 785,500
GA	Rome	City	\$ 178,100
GA	Roswell	City	\$ 825,700
GA	Sandy Springs	City	\$ 851,900
GA	Savannah	City	\$ 1,368,300
GA	Smyrna	City	\$ 208,000
GA	Valdosta	City	\$ 221,600
GA	Warner Robins	City	\$ 573,100
GA	Cherokee	County	\$ 1,827,700
GA	Clayton	County	\$ 2,545,900
GA	Cobb	County	\$ 5,288,500
GA	DeKalb	County	\$ 6,511,600
GA	Forsyth	County	\$ 661,000
GA	Fulton	County	\$ 814,300
GA	Gwinnett	County	\$ 7,312,700
GA	Hall	County	\$ 762,600
GA	Henry	County	\$ 751,100
GA	Paulding	County	\$ 497,100

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.

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